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SUBJECT: WEATHER MODIFICATION NIGER

REF: STATE 170340; NIAMEY 2625

1.DIRECTOR OF CABINET LECA, ASST DIRECTOR MAINTOURARE GADJO AND EX-COUNSELOR NIGER EMBASSY WASHINGTON YOUSOUFOU ASKED BOLLAY AND CHARGE TO MEET WITH THEM MORNING AUGUST 29 AND GIVE PRELIMINARY TECHNICAL FINDINGS. BOLLAY SAID INITIAL OBSERVATIONS CONFIRMED PRESENCE OVER NIGER OF SUPERCOOLED CLOUDS WHICH THEORETICALLY ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO SEEDING. DURING ONE WEEK STAY, THREE DAYS HAD PROPER CLOUDS IN VICINITY. MAITOURARE SAID GON METEOROLOGIST HAD ANTICIPATED SUCH CONCLUSION AND PRESIDENT DIORI HAD THEREFORE DECIDE GON SHOULD PROCEED WITH ARRANGMENTS FOR CLOUD SEEDING OPERATIONS ASSUMING ALL COSTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IF BOLLAY OBSERVATIONS IN ANY WAY FAVORABLE. HE SAID IT WOULD HAVE BEEN PREFERABLE FROM GON'S POINT OF VIEW IF USG COULD HAVE ASSUMED OPERATIONAL ROLE BUT SINCE TIME FACTOR CRUCIAL GON FIGURED US PRIVATE FIRM MORE LIKELY TO BE ABLE MEET IMMEDIATE NEEDS.

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2. HE THEREFORE REQUESTED BOLLAY CONTACT SEVERAL REPUTABLE

AMERICAN WEATHER MODIFICATION FIRMS, PROVIDE THEM WITH REQUIRED TECHNICAL DATA AND INVITE THEM SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO NIGER EMBASSY WASHINGTON OPERATIONS SHOULD START AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND CONTINUE THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER. AMBASSADOR DIALLO WOULD BE GIVEN AUTHORIZATION MAKE FINAL SELECTION. HE ADDED THAT TWO AMERICAN FIRMS HAD ALREADY CONTACTED GON WITH PROPOSALS FOR CLOUD SEEDING. BOLLAY ACCEPTED UNDERTAKING BUT REPEATED CAVEATS ABOUT INEXACT NATURE OF CLOUD SEEDING AS WELL AS POSSIBILITY THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE MANY CUMULONIMBUS CLOUDS OVER NIGER DURING SEPTEMBER. MAITOURARE SAID PRESIDENT AWARE OF PROBLEMS BUT SITUATION WAS BECOMING SO DESPERATE THAT HE HAD TO TRY ALL POSSIBILITIES TO SAVE CROPS EVEN AT RISK OF COMPLETE FAILURE AND SUBSEQUENT LOSS OF ALL MONEY SPENT OF OPERATION. MAITOURARE REITERATED THAT PRESIDENT DIORI HAD GIVEN TOP PRIORITY TO OPERATION AND THEREFORE REQUESTED USG'S ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION TO FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY IN HELPING NIGER EMBASSY WASHINGTON WITH SELECTION OF CONTRACTOR.

3. BOLLAY DEPARTS NIAMEY TODAY AND EXPECTS CALL AT DEPARTMENT MORNING AUGUST 31.

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